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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY BRAZILIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

REF: MVD 141

1. ACCORDING TO AN ANSA PRESS RELEASE DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1975, BRAZILIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ALYSSON PAULINELLI DENIED THAT BRAZIL WAS NEGOTIATING WITH URUGUAY FOR THE PURCHASE OF 50 THOUSAND TONS OF BEEF.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF PAULINELLI'S STATEMENT: "IN THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS SOME PAPERS HAVE PRINTED STORIES THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE NEGOTIATING THE ACQUISITION OF URUGUAYAN BEEF. BECAUSE THIS NEWS COULD HAVE A PERNICIOUS EFFECT AND COULD AFFECT THE PRESENT EQUILIBRIUM IN THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR AS WELL AS THE CLIMATE OF THE DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH PREVAILS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRODUCERS, THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE REAFFIRMS THAT NO NEGOTIATION OR CONTACT EXISTS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND ANY OTHER COUNTRY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT OR ITS BY-PRODUCTS. THE GOVERNMENT IS CERTAIN THAT PRESENT PRODUCTION IS SUFFICIENT TO COVER INTERNAL DEMAND AND EVEN INCLUDES POSSIBILITIES FOR SURPLUSES, AND IS CONVINCED THAT THESE UNFOUNDED REPORTS WILL NOT DISTURB THE HARMONIOUS

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CLIMATE EXISTING BETWEEN THE PRODUCERS AND THE GOVERNMENT."

3. BRAZILIAN PURCHASES OF URUGUAYAN BEEF DURING 1974 WERE OVER US\$60 MILLION AND APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OF TOTAL BEEF EXPORTS. THE GOU HAD BEEN COUNTING ON A SIMILAR VOLUME DURING 1975 AND THIS IS VITAL TO URUGUAY'S TRADE BALANCE.
4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST EMBASSY BRASILIA'S COMMENTS ON STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND INFORMATION ON BRAZILIAN BEEF PRODUCTION AND IMPORT REQUIREMENTS. IS THERE ANY INTEREST IN OR DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS FROM URUGUAY?
5. REFTTEL WITH INFORMATION ON URUGUAYAN MARKETING PROSPECTS BEING REPEATED TO YOU.
6. GDS.
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